



2009 SENATE BILL 293

September 16, 2009 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, HANSEN, DARLING, SCHULTZ, TAYLOR, LEHMAN, COGGS, COWLES and KAPANKE, cosponsored by Representatives MOLEPSKE JR., TURNER, BROOKS, BERCEAU, TOWNSEND, NERISON, STRACHOTA, A. OTT, KNODL, GRIGSBY, HEBL, SCHNEIDER, ROTH, JORGENSEN, MURSAU, LOTHIAN, RIPP, SINICKI, MASON, M. WILLIAMS and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 14.16 (13) of the statutes; **relating to:** directing the governor
2 to annually proclaim March 25 as Medal of Honor Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the governor must annually proclaim certain days as holidays in remembrance or recognition of certain persons. Currently, those holidays include Armistice Day, Prisoner of War Remembrance Day, Purple Heart Day, and Gulf War Illnesses Recognition Day. This bill requires the governor to annually proclaim March 25 as Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor those members of the U.S. armed forces who have been awarded the Medal of Honor for their valor in action above and beyond the call of duty and to recognize their bravery, heroism, and sacrifice for the United States.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (13) of the statutes is created to read:
4 14.16 (13) MEDAL OF HONOR DAY. The governor shall annually proclaim March
5 25 as Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor those members of the U.S. armed
6 forces who have been awarded the Medal of Honor for their valor in action above and

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1 beyond the call of duty and to recognize their bravery, heroism, and sacrifice for the
2 United States.

3 (END)